

BEFORE THE
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

MODIFICATION OF MAIL CLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE
REGARDING CERTIFICATE OF MAILING AND
INTERNATIONAL CERTIFICATE OF MAILING SERVICES

Docket No. MC2012-24

NOTICE OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE OF MINOR
CLASSIFICATION CHANGES RELATED TO CERTIFICATE OF MAILING AND
INTERNATIONAL CERTIFICATE OF MAILING SERVICES
(May 18, 2012)

Pursuant to 39 C.F.R. §§ 3020.90 and 3020.91, the United States Postal Service hereby gives notice of minor changes in classification established by the Governors. The changes allow Certificate of Mailing and International Certificate of Mailing service customers to use the bulk prices when postage is paid using permit imprints.

Currently, the MCS list of postage payment options for users of Certificate of Mailing service at bulk prices does not include permit imprint. By allowing permit imprint payment of postage, all postage payment methods will be permitted. Therefore, instead of adding permit imprint to the existing list of payment methods, the MCS change can simply eliminate the payment method language in section 1505.6.2. Similar changes are made for International Certificate of Mailing service, in sections 1510.1 and 2615.1.

Additional changes are made to clarify that Certificate of Mailing service at bulk prices (unlike at individual-piece prices) is limited to identical-weight pieces. The identical piece language therefore is removed from section 1505.6.1(b), and inserted into the bulk price table.¹ Similar changes are made for International Certificate of

¹ The removal of the identical piece language from section 1505.6.1(b) was recommended to the Commission in comments submitted last year. Docket No.

Mailing service in sections 1510.1.2 and 2615.1.2. The list of classes and products in section 1505.6.1(b) also is corrected to include Parcel Return Service and all of Parcel Select, including Parcel Select Lightweight. Other than allowing postage payment using permit imprint at bulk prices, these changes are not intended to change the current Certificate of Mailing service offerings. Changes to the Domestic Mail Manual and International Mail Manual to give effect to these minor classification changes are scheduled to be published in the *Postal Bulletin* on June 28, 2012, and will become effective on August 6, 2012.

The Postal Service hereby submits to the Commission the changes in the Mail Classification Schedule, as shown in the following pages. The Postal Service believes that the changes are consistent with 39 U.S.C. § 3642 and should be incorporated by the Commission into the MCS.

Respectfully submitted,

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RM2011-8, Comments of United States Postal Service, MCS Markup.pdf at 141 (March 24, 2011). But the Commission has not acted upon these comments, so the same change is included in this filing.

Edits to Mail Classification Schedule
(Additions are underlined and deletions are marked with strike-through.)

PART A MARKET DOMINANT PRODUCTS

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1500 Special Services

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1505.6 Certificate of Mailing

1505.6.1 Description

- a. Certificate of Mailing service furnishes evidence that mail has been presented to the Postal Service for mailing.
- b. Certificate of Mailing service is available for use with ~~identical pieces of First-Class Mail, First-Class Package Service commercial base parcels, Priority Mail (except Critical Mail), Package Services, Standard Mail (except Customized MarketMail),~~ Parcel Return Service, and Parcel Select ~~Lightweight items.~~
- c. Certificate of Mailing service does not include retention of a record of mailing by the Postal Service or provide evidence of delivery.
- d. A mailer may obtain a duplicate Certificate of Mailing on terms specified in the Domestic Mail Manual.

1505.6.2 Prices

Individual Piece Prices

	(\$)
Original Certificate of Mailing, individual article	1.15
Three or more pieces individually listed in a firm mailing book or an approved customer provided manifest (per piece)	0.44
Each additional copy of original Certificate of Mailing or original mailing receipt for Registered Mail, insured, Certified Mail, and COD mail pieces (each copy)	1.15

Bulk Prices

~~Identical First-Class Mail, First-Class Package Service commercial base parcels, Priority Mail, Standard Mail, Parcel Select Lightweight, and Package Services~~

~~pieces paid with ordinary stamps, precanceled stamps, or meter stamps (as applicable) are subject to the following fees:~~

	(\$)
Up to 1,000 <u>identical-weight</u> pieces (one certificate for total number)	6.70
Each additional 1,000 <u>identical-weight</u> pieces or fraction <u>thereof</u>	0.80
Duplicate copy	1.15

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1510.1 International Certificate of Mailing

1510.1.1 Description

International Certificate of Mailing service furnishes evidence that mail has been presented to the Postal Service for mailing. It is available for unregistered outbound First-Class Mail International items.

1510.1.2 Prices

Individual Piece Prices

	(\$)
Original certificate of mailing for listed pieces of ordinary Single-Piece First-Class Mail International items	1.15
Three or more pieces individually listed in a firm mailing book or an approved customer provided manifest (per piece)	0.44
Each additional copy of original certificate of mailing or firm mailing bills (each copy)	1.15

Multiple Piece Prices

~~Identical pieces of ordinary Single-Piece First-Class Mail International paid with regular stamps, precanceled stamps, or meter stamps are subject to the following fees:~~

	(\$)
Up to 1,000 <u>identical-weight</u> pieces (one certificate for total number)	6.70
Each additional 1,000 <u>identical weight</u> pieces or fraction <u>thereof</u>	0.80
Duplicate copy	1.15

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PART B COMPETITIVE PRODUCTS

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2600 Special Services

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2615 International Ancillary Services

2615.1 International Certificate of Mailing

2615.1.1 Description

a. International Certificate of Mailing service furnishes evidence that mail has been presented to the Postal Service for mailing.

b. International Certificate of Mailing is available for Priority Mail International Flat Rate Envelopes, Priority Mail International Small Flat Rate Boxes, Priority Mail International parcels purchased without insurance, International Priority Airlift, and International Direct Sacks–M-Bags.

2615.1.2 Prices

Individual Pieces Prices

	(\$)
Original certificate of mailing for listed pieces of ordinary Priority Mail International parcels	1.15
Three or more pieces individually listed in a firm mailing book or an approved customer provided manifest (per piece)	0.44
Each additional copy of original certificate of mailing or firm mailing bills (each copy)	1.15

Multiple Pieces Prices

~~Identical pieces of ordinary Single Piece First-Class Mail International paid with regular stamps, precanceled stamps, or meter stamps are subject to the following fees:~~

	(\$)
Up to 1,000 <u>identical-weight</u> pieces (one certificate for total number)	6.70
Each additional 1,000 <u>identical-weight</u> pieces or fraction thereof	0.80
Duplicate copy	1.15